

Appl. No. : 09/801,3
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REMARKS

Prior to this response, claims 1-26 were pending in this application. All of the pending claims were rejected in the last office action.

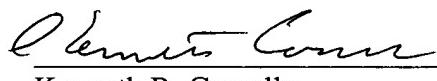
Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, and in order to further prosecution of this application, this response cancels claims 1-26 without prejudice to prosecute these claims in a continuation application. This response also adds new claims 27 - 38. Applicants submit that these new claims are patentable over the art of record and thus are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this case to issue at the Examiner's earliest possible convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment in connection with this correspondence to Deposit Account 11-0600.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 220-4310.

Respectfully submitted,

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